

Introduced by Senator Steinberg

December 15, 2010

An act relating to water, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 52, as introduced, Steinberg. Water quality: Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District.

The Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006, a bond act approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,090,000,000 for the purposes of financing disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects. Of those funds, \$300,000,000 is available to the Department of Water Resources, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for grants for storm water flood management projects that meet prescribed requirements.

The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, an initiative bond act approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,388,000,000 for the purposes of financing a safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, and resource protection program. Of those funds, \$130,000,000 is available to the department for grants to implement water quality improvement projects that meet prescribed requirements.

This bill would appropriate \$50,000,000 to the department from the above bond acts, as specified, to provide financial assistance to the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District to offset rate increases associated with the costs of capital improvements to the district's regional sewage treatment plant as a result of the issuance of a specified

national pollutant discharge elimination system permit and waste discharge requirements.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the costs
2 of improving water quality and protecting the beneficial uses of
3 water in the area known as the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta are
4 a shared responsibility that should be borne by all beneficiaries of
5 water resources from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and not
6 solely by businesses and residents of the Sacramento region. To
7 that end, it is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this act, to
8 appropriate funds for the purpose of financing improvements to
9 the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District regional
10 sewage treatment plant.

11 SEC. 2. The sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) is hereby
12 appropriated to the Department of Water Resources to provide
13 financial assistance to the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation
14 District to offset rate increases associated with the costs of capital
15 improvements to the district's regional sewage treatment plant as
16 a result of the issuance of a national pollutant discharge elimination
17 system permit and waste discharge requirements for the regional
18 sewage treatment plant that were adopted by the California
19 Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region,
20 on December 9, 2010, in accordance with the following schedule:

21 (a) Thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000) from the funds made
22 available pursuant to Section 5096.827 of the Public Resources
23 Code for a grant to the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation
24 District for the purposes of this section.

25 (b) Thirty-seven million dollars (\$37,000,000) from the funds
26 made available pursuant to, and consistent with, Section 75029 of
27 the Public Resources Code for a grant to the Sacramento Regional
28 County Sanitation District for the purposes of this section.